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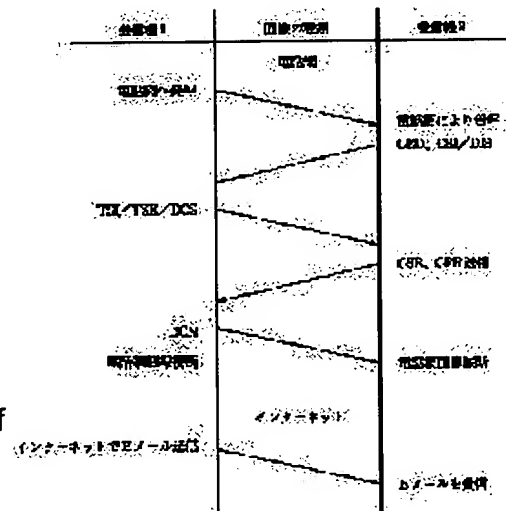
(54) IMAGE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND IMAGE COMMUNICATION METHOD THEREFOR

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To lower a communication cost and to transmit optimum image data matched with the function of an opposite equipment by detecting the FAX function of an opposite side equipment during communication by a G3 facsimile mode and shifting to an internet fax mode which does not require communication cost, after the function of the opposite side equipment has been discriminated.

SOLUTION: The initial identification signal of G3 is provided with a bit for indicating the presence/absence of the internet fax function on a reception side, ability is exchanged in the G3 facsimile mode, and when the ability is exchanged, the internet mail address of the reception side is informed by the option signals of G3.

Based on it, a transmission side transmits E mail to which an image file using a function superior to the function allowed in a simple mode matched with the ability of a receiver is attached.



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